

CORRECTED FISCAL NOTE

HB 3406 - SB 3302

February 18, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enacts the *Tennessee Telecommunications Device Distribution Program Renovation Act*, which provides it is the legislative intent that this program be designed with consideration of fair distribution of equipment that is technologically available and economically feasible to be provided to assist individuals with any disability using the basic telephone network.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On February 11, we issued a fiscal note estimating an *increase in state expenditures of \$50,000*

Based on additional information provided by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, the estimated fiscal impact of HB 3406 – SB 3302 is as follows:

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Increase State Expenditures \$50,000/Telecommunications Devices Access Program Fund

Estimate assumes:

- funds to provide telephone devices for the deaf/hard of hearing (TDDs), TeleBrailles(TB) for the deaf-blind, and other equipment that may be necessary in order to use the telephone will be available from the dedicated fund established by Chapter 417 of the Public Acts of 1999, which provides that all telecommunications service providers and all competing telecommunications service providers shall make contributions.
- the Tennessee Regulatory Authority will provide additional equipment to the hearing impaired and deaf population in order to use the telephone network. Current law limits such equipment to text telephones, telephone devices for the deaf and blind (Telebraille) machines.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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